

TOWN OF ARLINGTON



Cemetery Commission

Date: July 08, 2020
Time: 9:00am
Location: The meeting is conducted by Remote Participation via
Teleconference Phone # 1-701-802-5302
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Minutes

Attendance: Commissioners Michele Hassler, Bill McCarthy, Brian Hasbrouck, and DPW Director, Mike Rademacher

1. Minutes approved for June 10, 2020
2. Deeds will be signed by appointment
3. Tree planting schedule/arrangements are on hold as the town tries to catch up on its street tree planting schedule. Fall might be a better time to expect at least a few plantings to occur.
4. Signage/surveillance for dumpster are not address as of yet. Mike to speak to American Alarm about hard wiring in a camera and the cost.
5. The Marian D.H. Sylvester Trust was set up to provide care for her husband's family plot in the cemetery under the name of Dodge. It was approved and accepted by the Select Board.
6. Columbarium circle: All commissioners are in agreement that a patterned and colored cement product will look nice at the circle to improve it visually. Mike will check with Jim Feeney to see who the town has used for mixing an aggregate design and what is available/cost. There is an example of this type of concrete behind Town Hall by the bike rack for commissioners to view.

7. It was agreed by all three (3) commissioners that a bench should be placed in the columbarium circle that conforms to ADA guidelines after it has been re-done. Designs were discussed. To be decided upon after the project is complete as well as how to place the bench for potential future seating.
8. Annual Cemetery Rules and Regulation review was conducted. All three (3) commissioners were in agreement to:
 - A. Increase disinterment fee for earth burials to \$5,000.00
 - B. Change disinterment language to read:

“Disinterment relocation out of the Mount Pleasant Cemetery is allowed only after a release has been signed. Approval is needed by the Arlington Board of Health and the Arlington Cemetery Commission. Disinterment relocation within Mount Pleasant Cemetery will not be allowed.”
 - C. Rules and Regulations for the Green Field area, which were approved last July, will be made into a pamphlet, such as is available for the cemetery and the columbarium. Jean will check the cost for at least 5 of them to be made up with potential to distribute the information to the funeral homes that frequent us the most.
9. Brian would like added to next month’s agenda a concern he has regarding the bridge and irrigation pipework.

Meeting adjourned 10:46am
Next meeting will be August 12, 2020

Respectfully submitted
Michele Hassler

Board of Cemetery Commissioners
Michele A. Hassler, Chairperson
William F. McCarthy
Brian L. Hasbrouck